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Mr. Nixon's Highway . .

(From Chitago)

By any fair judgment Mr. Nixon's acceptance speech was a tour de force. As a fantastically competent political effort it had everythingemotion, pathos, humility, strength, determina-

tien, confidence and religious appeal.

The Republican presidential nominee described himself as a man of the future steeped in the ideals of the American Revolution. He wrapped: himself in the togas of Jefferson, Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt and Wilson as well as those of de Gaulle, Macmillan and Adenauer. He cast himself as a leader of experience who knows personally the problems from Djakarta to Caracas, from handling Khrushchev to coping with nationalism in Africa. Clearly the young Mr. Kennedy, words showed the polish of study and peras Mr. Nixon managed to depict his opponent, is sonal composition, and when he experies up against a competitor of awesome dexterity the next President will face mehl and resourcefulness.

To invade the Kennedy "New Frontier," Mr. vation of civiliation he may not have Nixon constructed a broad highway to the future, Accusing the Democrats of "a symphony of politic shown in its initial effort that ed cynicism," he assured his listeners that, what pared to was an allour believe ever the consequences, the Republicans would not Messrs, Kennedy and Johnson outpromise their opponents. He then painted # hat. picture-uncynical, of course-in which all Americans would have a nobler, richer life, protected against the ills of age, with educational opportualties for all, higher wages, the greatest progress in human rights since Lincoln, a fair share for farmers, the benefits of science and resource development and spiritual révitalization.

If there is a bit of contradiction and exageration in all of this, Mr. Nixon nevertheless stayed not merely on a high road, but on an elevated freeway. There was no direct reference to the unkind personal. jabs that Senator Kennedy ha rather unwisely initiated; rather he repaid the Democratic nomines deftly by implying that Kennedy's youth had led him inter the a of suggesting that the President should expressed regrets to Mr. Khrushchev

There were touches of the old Nixon in subject matter, technique and verbal association, but little that opened him to flat rebuttal. Without ever accusing the Democrats of disloyal thoughts, he managed to compare their economic growth philosophy with one that the Communists are rejecting, and to suggest that his opponents have lost faith in America. He also contrived to imply that Mr. Kennedy in arrogant, an implication for which Mr. Kennedy has given some warrant.

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1960 In his foreign affairs discussion Mr. Ninon had many good lines. His call for a effeteer

of free world victory is far more positive than merely containing communism and makes a good bit of sense. His suggestion the try fell; Mr. Khrushchev that "hi shall live in freedom" was a shrewd shychological stroke. Some of his proposals such organizing the departments of South

a single economic and ideological strikarie force and more adequately helping people abstract to attain their aspirations, are emerph

cept, but they have an appealing sound. There was considerable platstudinous and fry perbolic content to a speech that, is the tra tion of political offerings, was far more general than specific. But Mr. Nixon empirical effective oratorical fervor in his plea to Ameri face the rewarding choice of sacrithan those of Lincoln and involving the in

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